



Mr. Calvin Shakesnider

March 1, 1957 - March 6, 2026

Born on March 1, 1957, to Clarence Shakesnider Sr. and Hilda Castille Shakesnider in Leonville, Louisiana, Calvin was the sixth of nine children. He passed away on March 6, 2026, at the age of 69.

Calvin was a proud graduate of Leonville High School, Class of 1975. Shortly after graduation, he answered the call to serve his country by joining the United States Army in June of 1975. Over the course of his 20-year military career, Calvin traveled to various parts of the world and throughout the United States, dedicating his life to service before retiring honorably as a Sergeant First Class (E-7).

After his military service, he continued working and connecting with the community through his roles at Walmart and Dollar General in Opelousas.

Calvin had a deep love for the simple joys of life, especially fishing. Those who knew him best knew that if he wasn't at home, he could likely be found by the bayou with a fishing pole in hand. He also enjoyed watching wrestling and rarely missed a good WWE match.

Beyond his hobbies, Calvin had a heart for giving back. He actively served his community as a member of VFW Post 5153, Enoch Lodge of the East #01 under the Valley of the Kings Grand Lodge, and IFBS Lodge. Through these

organizations, he remained committed to fellowship, service, and uplifting those around him.

Calvin was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence Sr. and Hilda C. Shakesnider, and his brothers Clarence Jr., Willie Lee, Martin J., Rodney J., Doris J., and Donald Shakesnider.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory his loving wife, Diana Shakesnider; his children, Maria Shakesnider, Christina Shakesnider, Samantha Shakesnider-McGriff (Anthony McGriff), and Calandre Shakesnider; and his beloved grandchildren, Jaida Henderson, Josiah Shakesnider, Jordan McGriff, Janiyah Moss, Jizzelle McGriff, and Jream McGriff.

He is also survived by his brother, Hillary Shakesnider (Clorissa Shakesnider), and sister, Shirley Shakesnider, along with an enormous number of nieces, nephews, cousins, great-nieces, great-nephews, loving friends, and members of the community.

Known for his enormous stature, unforgettable presence, and vibrant personality, Calvin's love for his family and friends was unmatched. He stood as a proud pillar of the Shakesnider family and embodied the spirit of #ShakesniderStrong.

A celebration of his life will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, March 28, 2026, at the Opelousas Civic Center in Opelousas, Louisiana. Visitation will begin at 8:00 AM at the Civic Center. Burial will follow in St. Leo the Great Catholic Church Cemetery in Leonville, Louisiana, where military honors will be rendered.

Family and friends are invited to share words of comfort, support and memories with the family by visiting the online guestbook at www.williamsfunerallhomes.net

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Williams Funeral Home of Opelousas,
337-942-2037.

Tribute Wall

SM

“ *Sending healing prayers to family and friends that knew Mr. Calvin he was an a remarkable man to work for from Northside Walmart*



sheila miler - March 28 at 06:22 PM

LC

“ *Leonard and Ida Rami lights a candle lit a candle in memory of Calvin Shakesnider*



Leonard and Ida Rami lights a candle - March 25 at 12:13 AM

JW

“ *My condolences to Calvin's family. I share the Shakesnider name and met Calvin on Facebook. We talked a couple of times to determine if we were relatives. Although we never found evidence that we are, we still followed each other on FB. I feel like I knew him and admired his dedication to family. I am saddened by his loss and praying that God will provide comfort and strength to his family and friends. Jo Helen (Shakesnider) Williams*

Jo Helen Williams - March 23 at 09:20 PM

LW

“ *It is with deep sympathy and tenderness of heart that I extend condolences to the family. He is now at peace with God and rejoicing in his heavenly home reunited with all his loved ones who went before him.*

Loretta White - March 22 at 08:16 AM

RM

“ *Rosalie Meullion lit a candle in memory of Calvin Shakesnider*



Rosalie Meullion - March 20 at 08:25 PM

MG

“ *My condolences to the family, you all are in our prayers!
Michelle & Richard Gamble
Jacksonville, Florida*

Michelle Gamble - March 20 at 06:49 PM

ES

“ *My condolences to your family thank for being my son Godfather rest in hea*



Elnora Simien - March 20 at 12:46 PM



My condolences to your entire family

Stacy Sam - March 20 at 05:13 PM

LA

Sending my condolences and prayers to the family thank you Mr Calvin for being a good manager and person for store 534 you will truly be miss

Lisa andrus - March 20 at 11:12 PM

RS

Rest in peace Calvin you're in heaven knowing as Jim

Rose Simien - March 21 at 09:38 AM

SJ

Rest in peace, my Friend

Sandra Jackson - March 21 at 02:22 PM

RS

Always in our prayers 🙏

Rose Simien - March 22 at 12:29 PM

TL

Condolence to the Shakesnider family sorry for the loss remember weeping may endure for a night but joy comes in the morning

Thelma Shakesnider Livingston - March 22 at 03:40 PM

GJ

Our condolences to the family. We pray that you find comfort and peace during this difficult time. Gloria Jones & Family.

Gloria Jones - March 22 at 07:26 PM